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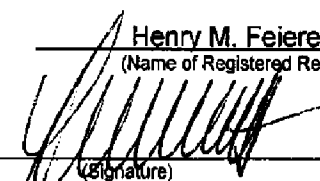
Docket No.: MAYERHOFER

In re Application of:)
ROLAND MAYERHOFER et al.)
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A PRINTING PLATE FOR INTAGLIO PRINTING AND CORRESPONDING PRINTING PLATE)

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449.

Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

International Publication No. WO 97/48555 describes a process for producing dies, especially of deep-drawn steel. Here, a surface component is obtained from a line drawing, where the edge of the surface component defines a nominal outline (9). From the nominal outline and a nominal depth allocated to the surface component, a tool path (12, 17, 18, 19, 20) is then calculated by means of which an engraving tool is guided in such a way that the partial surface is removed.

International Publication No. WO 00/20216 describes a data carrier with a printed image that is produced by means of a gravure process. The printed image comprises at least one first color surface with a first color coating thickness and a second color surface adjacent to the first color surface and provided with a second color coating thickness, whereby the thicknesses of the two color coatings are different. The first and second color surfaces are divided by a sharp borderline that is invisible to the naked eye and the color coating thickness of both color surfaces corresponds to a minimum thickness in the region of the borderline.

International Publication No. WO 00/20217 discloses printing plates for full printing of large surfaces by means of a gravure process, a method for the production of the printing plates, and data carriers, especially banknotes with large-surface printed images that are produced according to a gravure process. In order to guarantee faultless inking, separating segments are provided in the engraving of the printing plate, whereby the separating segments protrude above the base surface of the engraving area in a perpendicular manner and are at least half as high as the depth of the engraving. The separating segments prevent, to a large extent, the printer's color from being removed from the engraving surfaces when the printer's color is wiped off from the surface of the printing plates.

International Publication No. WO 01/49505 describes a data carrier with a printed security image that is produced by means of a gravure process. The printed security image consists of several contrasting structural elements that are disposed in exact register relative to one another. A first part of the structural elements is relief-like and can be felt tactually while a second part of the structural elements is flat and cannot be felt tactually.

International Publication No. WO 02/20268 describes a data carrier printed according to a gravure printing method. The data carrier has a half-tone image represented by irregular linear structures in an engraved manner. The linear structures are at least partially superimposed by fine structures which are reproduced in a positive and/or a negative representation. Also disclosed are methods for producing and processing the irregular linear structures in the form of digital image data on a computer, according to the individual preconditions of a server. The linear structures are transferred onto a gravure printing plate, the digital image data being used to control an engraving device, or, using other printing methods, said linear structures are at least partially superimposed by fine structures which are reproduced in a positive and/or a negative representation.

International Publication No. WO 02/20274 describes a data carrier comprising a security element which can be at least visually checked and which comprises embossing in at least one partial area. The embossing is a half-tone blind embossing carried out by means of colorfast gravure printing.

International Publication No. WO 02/20279 describes a gravure printing plate for producing a printed image, including at least one engraved area in the printing plate surface. The engraved area has at least one structural element, the edge area thereof having a larger engraving depth than the inner area, the edge area and the inner area are directly adjacent to each other, and the inner area is embodied as a sunken plateau in relation to the printing plate surface.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

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